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The TV-TS Tapestry

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MONTHLY REPORT The big event for the month was the March Gala weekend. The Gala was held at the Copley Plaza, one of the most beautiful hotels in Boston. My role for the weekend was work horse, and I never had the chance to dress, but I did have the chance to act as escort, and I loved it. (If you had the chance to escort a lady as elegant as Michelle or as beautiful as Dominique, in a hotel with the 19th century charm of the Copley, you would love it too; strolling among the corinthian pillars, beneath the crystal chandeliers, resting on the gold and velvet furniture, and dining on marble tables. God it was lovely, a chance to feel aristocratic, to feel like a queen.)

The Gala began with a cocktail party Friday evening, carried through Saturday with an all-day boutique then theater then another party, and finished on Sunday with brunch and another party at Tiffany. By Sunday there were some very tired young ladies, and some who were exhausted enough to put a stretcher service to good use.

(Speaking of stretchers, better bring two for Sharon H., for if she doesn't stop with the practical jokes she's going to need them.)

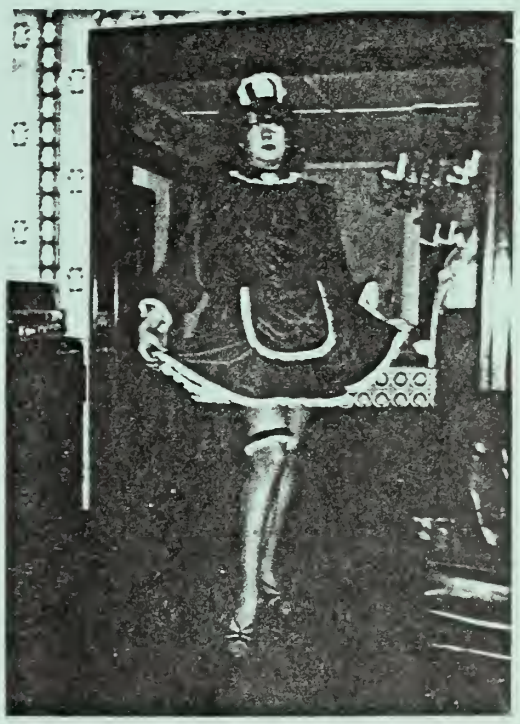
On Sunday evening we took the survivors to the Green Apple where a certain unnamed director of the IAMF fell asleep in the middle of the floor show. (You know, unnamed person, Karl Houston, the MC, has confronted many a heckler, and loud and rowdy people, but not often has he had to put up with snoring from the audience.) (You were forgiven though.)

(By the way Sharon, after receiving two beautiful sets of directions to Tiffany, you still managed to get lost. How did you do that? Don't know your right from your left eh?)

On March 8 Inga visited Tiffany to give a Colose' cosmetic demonstration. Although cosmetic demonstrations are valuable and educational, the real value of the visit was Inga. She is chic, she is pretty, she is bouncy, she is fun, and she gave to Tiffany a delightful and very happy evening. (Special thanks to Nancy who made the evening possible.)

On March 25 Carolyn visited. Carolyn has a small boutique for TVs just north of Boston, and we asked her to visit and perhaps show off some of her wares. She did. She brought her maid's outfits, baby dolls, etc., and didn't I have a ball. I don't know about anybody else, but I had fun. (I suspect Diane had fun as well.) (Carolyn by the way does have very good merchandise, and it is fairly priced. In a world filled with people like Michael Salem, it's refreshing to find someone who will treat our people fairly.)

All in all, March was perhaps our most successful month financially, and in activity, attendance, and growth. March was a very good month.



Modeling one of Carolyn's uniforms.

LOVE,

Merissa Sherrill Lynn

You never know, Chiefie!

- COMING EVENTS -

TIFFANY CLUB 617-891-8022

OPEN MEETINGS 7-11pm Tuesdays and Saturdays. Quiet and relaxed evenings among friends. Help with make-up and comportment upon request. BYOB BYOF
FEES: Guests $6.00 per visit, Special members $5.00 per visit, Guest members and General members and Keyholders, no charge.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8 Business meeting.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19 Party. RSVP Judging by the response so far, it looks like it's going to be a good one, so don't miss it.

SATURDAY, MAY 24 Undercover Wear Lingerie Party. We may be fortunate enough to be able to include Carolyn's boutique, which will make this quite an evening. Don't miss it.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21 50's Party

THE OPEN DOOR 617-661-3855 c/o Marie Berard

FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH Transsexual support group meeting. Locations change, so be sure to check before attending.

FOURTH TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH TV/TS open meeting. Rap sessions open to all interested persons. Held at 739 Boylston St. Boston, but location subject to change, so check first.

THE KAY MAYFLOWER SOCIETY 617-254-7389 ask for Kay

OPEN MEETINGS: Every Wednesday from 7 to 11pm

PARTY Last Saturday of every month

HARTFORD TVIC Meetings every second Saturday. For information: Patsy Marie Pichon, Box 180, West Hartford, Ct. 06107

ALBANY TVIC Meetings every third Saturday. For information: William Thordsen, 1104 Broadway, Albany NY 12200

SATURDAY, MAY 17 May's meeting of TVIC will be hosted by Michelle Ann Bolis at her home in Somerville, Mass.

OUTREACH INSTITUTE Outreach Institute, Box 368 Kenmore Sta., Boston, Ma. 02215 617-277-3454

SPRING FANTASIA FAIR Friday May 9 through Sunday May 18. Reservations and a deposit are required, and at least 50 participants must be pre-registered before the Fair becomes reality.

FALL FANTASIA FAIR Friday October 17 through Sunday October 26. The Fall Fair has become a TV tradition.
(Applications for both Fairs are available at Tiffany)

SHANGRI LA Annual TV event held in Gulfport, Miss. This year's event is to be held April 9-13. For information: Nancy Watson, Box 18202, Irvine, Ca.

DREAM Annual TV event held near Seattle, Wash. Contact DREAM, Box 58, 507 3rd Ave., Seattle Wa. 98104 This year's event Sept. 20-24

- BULLETIN BOARD -

GGG/G DIRECTORY

The GGG Directory of Information and services has finally been published. This directory is the product of a cooperative effort between such groups as GGG/G, Tiffany, Shangri La, IAMF, etc., and is certainly the finest publication of its kind. This directory represents what can be done if we work together Bor the benifit of all.

A copy of the directory is available at Tiffany, and aditional copies can be obtained from GGG/G Suite 2507, 495 Ellis St., San Francisco Ca. 94102

GGG/G ADDRESS

GGG/G would like to announce a change of address from 681 Ellis St., to Suite 2507, 495 Ellis St., San Francisco Cal., 94102

BOUTIQUE THEFTS

The Tiffany Club boutique is a collection of clothing and accessories donated to the Club, or placed on consignment primarily for newcomers who have little wardrobe of their own. We know the boutique is in disarray, but still the items there are on sale, and not for anyone who wants them. The amount of scavanging has been extensive. Tiffany, persons placing things on consignment, and especially the newcomers lose. Please, if you have taken anything without paying, bring it back.

LADY IN N.J. HELPING TVs

Ginger Leigh operates a discrete little shopping spree service, advice on hair styles and make-up. She also councels gentlemen on coming out and will accompany them in drag to a restaurant or theater.

Very understanding.

Ginger Leigh
P.O. Box 281
Tenafly, N.J. 07670
201-568-7614 (call evenings between 7-1, and Sundays all day.)

Mark B. wishes to pass on his love to all, and to wish everyone a happy Easter. (also, Diane, Delores, etal, get off your duffs and write to say hi!)

Ginger Leigh

Ruthann Moskowitz

Ruth Ann Moskowitz, an active TV from Madison Wisconsin, has started publishing a newsletter entitled 'Upper Midwest TV Times'. Her intention is to provide a communications vehicle that helps keep TVs, particularly in the midwest, informed about what's happening outside of their respective home communities. The newsletter would be published quarterly, and would cost in the vicinity of $2.50. For information, write: Ruth Ann Moskowitz, Box 813, Madison, Wisconsin 53701

TEMPTATIONS LOUNGE

Originally intended to be a disco lounge by and for tasteful TVs, has found that TVs don't pay the bills. Temptations is now primarily a gay bar, however, crossdressers are still welcome.

GREEN APPLE

PLEASE !!! If you go dressed, use the bathroom appropriate to your sex, not your gender. If Karl Houston has to use the the men's room, then so do you.

TIFFANY CLUB
HOUSE RULES AND POLICIES

It is the intention of the Tiffany Club to provide the greatest amount of service possible to our members, and to the best of our ability provide an atmosphere of friendship. For these reasons it is necessary to review Tiffany's policies and house rules from time to time. It is expected that every member and guest of Tiffany be familiar with these rules and policies.

TIFFANY CLUB HOUSE RULES

1. CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF. Do not leave your mess for others. Clean up cigarettes, coffee cups, make-up messes, etc.

2. FOOD & BEVERAGES. Bring your own, and stay out of the kitchen refrigerator and cabinets. The food there belongs to the residents, not to the membership.

3. BATHROOMS. We appreciate a person's need for privacy while dressing, but use the dressing rooms and not the bathroom. That facility does have other uses.

4. TOWELS. Bring your own.
TOILETRIES - Soap, make-up remover, etc., bring your own.

5. DRESSING ROOMS, OVERNIGHT FACILITIES. These areas are for everybody's use, so please, don't leave clothes, suitcases, make-up, etc., lying around.

6. LINEN. Bring your own.

7. STORAGE. Your storage is to be kept in the space provided for that purpose, which is in the cellar. The overnight space and dressing rooms are for guests, and not for storage. The upstairs clothing rack and linen closet are not for storage.

8. PRIVACY. The upstairs bedrooms are rented by Tiffany to the residents. These rooms are never to be entered without permission of the resident.
Although it is a difficult thing to regulate, the residents are entitled to privacy, especially when there is no Tiffany function scheduled. The residents are not required to transport, escort, interview, baby sit, wait on, or trip over anyone. Please, use common courtesy, and good common sense.

9. PERSONAL PROPERTY. Which includes storage, the TV, radio, cameras, guitars, etc., is never to be touched without the permission of the owner.

10. LIBRARY. Any publication removed from the library should be returned to its proper place. Masturbation rags go on the bottom shelf, clean cut all-american types on the top shelf, everything else in between.

11. PARKING. Park out front on either side of the street, never in the driveway or in the fire lane beside the house, and keep off the lawn!

12. COFFEE, TEA, GENERAL HOUSE EXPENSES. Coffee is available at .25¢ a mug, and contributions are asked to help defray the cost of general expenses such as bumwad, paper towels, plates, dish soap, etc. A yellow collection can is placed near the stove.

13. SMOKING. Smoking is very offensive to many people, so please restrict your smoking to the kitchen and the library, and keep your nasty old cigarettes out of the living room, dining room, and the dressing rooms.

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TIFFANY CLUB GENERAL POLICIES

SECURITY: 1) No person shall attend a Tiffany function or enter the facilities without first having a confidential chat with a member of the Screening Committee, and be cleared by that member. 2) No person shall be at the Tiffany Club facilities without a Keyholder present. 3) No guest shall be brought to a Tiffany Club function or meeting without prior notification. Members bringingguests are responsible for obtaining appropriate advance approval, for the conduct of the guest, and for the reliability of the guest to maintain the security and confidentiality of others. 4.) The identification of guests and members is to be kept privileged and confidential. No addresses or phone numbers shall be exchanged or photos taken without consent. This information is never to be given to a third party.

GUEST POLICY: There is a guest fee of $6.00 per visit for attendance to any Tiffany meeting or function, and for the use of Tiffany's facilities. This fee should be paid to the hostess upon arrival. There is no charge if a female or male guest is escorted by a member, and has appropriate authorization. The guest fee may be waived by special request of the Board of Directors. On a first visit a qualified potential member has the option of waiving the $6.00 guest fee. The fee for Special members is $5.00 per visit. The escorting of guests is subject to the requirements established by the screening committee.

SCREENING POLICY: 1) All persons attending a Tiffany function or meeting, or use Tiffany's facilities, shall have met, been interviewed and cleared by a member of the screening committee. 2) The screening committee member shall assure herself that the interviewee be aware of the nature of Tiffany (not sexual, 'far out' or exotic), be aware of the objectives of Tiffany, will comply with the policies and code of conduct of the Tiffany Club, and will not comprise a security risk. 3) A member of the screeing committee need not be a member of Tiffany, but must be a trusted person familiar with Tiffany policies and

screening proceedure, and be accepted by the Board of Directors.

RESIDENT POLICY: By special arrangement agreeable to the Board of Directors and the membership, a qualified member may reside at the Tiffany facilities. In addition to the general policies of Tiffany, the resident shall be subject to the policies established by the social-house committee. The resident shall pay the agreed rent directly to Treasurer - Tiffany Club.

OVERNIGHT POLICY: No person shall stay overnight at the Tiffany Club premises without the presence of a Keyholder member. For overnight guests the fee is $5.00 per night plus a $6.00 guest fee, or $11.00 per night. For Special members the fee is $5.00 per night plus a $5.00 use of facilities fee, or $10.00 per night. General members are allowed up to four nights free of charge on the evening of regularly scheduled meetings. For each additional overnight a fee of $5.00 will be charged, a use of facility charge of $5.00 will be charged for each visit not during a regularly scheduled meeting. Keyholders are allowed up to eight overnights free of charge. For each additional overnight a fee of $5.00 will be charged. Part or all of the overnight and use of facilities fees may be waived upon written request of the Board of Directors. All overnights are on a space available first come first serve basis. Checout time is 12:00 noon.

STORAGE: Storage space is available to General and Keyholder members free of charge. All items left at the Tiffany facilities beyond the expiration date of membership shall become the proberty of the Tiffany Club.

BOUTIQUE POLICY: The primary purpose of the boutique is to help members and newcomers develop their wardrobes. All items in the boutique are for sale. Items contributed to the boutique become the property of the Tiffany Club until the time of sale. Items on consignment remain the property of the owner until time of sale. For items sold on consignment, Tiffany receives 20% of selling price. No boutique item may be removed from the Tiffany Club premises until it has been paid for completely. Items to be purchases may be put on layaway for a reasonable length of time. The person responsible for collecting money is the Executive Secretary, and other persons deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

LIBRARY: Tiffany's library is for material relevant to crossdressing and transsexualism only. All other material will be returned to the donor, or discarded. All items removed from the library shall be treturned to their proper place. No library item is to leave the Tiffany Club premises without a deposit of $5.00 or the face value of book, whichever is greater.

HOUSEKEEPING POLICY: It is the responsibility of all members and guests to help keep Tiffany clean, neat and pleasant. Specific housekeeping regulations shall be established by the house subcommittee, a copy of which shall be posted on the bulletin board, or other conspicuous place.

CODE OF CONDUCT: 1) No sexual, 'far out', or exotic behavior will be tolerated at any Tiffany Club function. 2) No person shall come to or remain at a Tiffany Club meeting or function if they are intoxicated to the extent they cannot exercise good judgment or behavior. 3) All guests and members shall respect the property of Tiffany Club and its members. No wigs or clothing shall be worn without the express permission of the owner. 4.) All attire at a Tiffany function or meeting, whether masculine or feminine, shall be in good taste compatible with the objectives of Tiffany Club. 5) Dressing room, clothing must not be left lying around. Clothing racks and hangers are available, please use them or place unworn clothing in your suitcase or travelling bag. 6) All guests and members shall take notice of and abide by the house rules established by the social-house committee and posted on the bulletin board. 7) GOOD MANNERS, COMMON SENSE, SECURITY!

MEMBERSHIP: The Tiffany Club supports the IAMF and Tri Sigma, and offers discounted rates in all catagories of membership. For attendance purposes, a subscriber is not considered a member until that person has met with and been cleared by a member of the Tiffany Club screening committee.

1) A member must be at least 21 years of age. 2) Membership is a contract between an individual and Tiffany Club for a period of one year. During this

period a member agrees to pay all dues in the manner agreed upon between the individual and the finance committee. Also, during this period a member agrees to comply with Tiffany Club's standards of conduct and any rules established and posted by the social-house committee. A failure to live up to one's agreement may result in the revocation of membership. 3) A candidate for membership must first be familiar with Tiffany Club's objectives, code of conduct, policies, and operating proceedure. A candidate's application for membership will come before the screening committee and accepted or refused on the basis of the applicant's willingness or unwillingness to comply with the code of conduct and if the applicant's private objectives are clearly incompatable with those of the Tiffany Club. 4) The membership shall consist of four types: Guest, Special, General, Keyholder.

GUEST: A guest membership may be offered to females and new men and women, and to special persons at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The privileges and security requirements are the same as for special membership, however, all guest fees are waived.

SPECIAL: $15.00 annual fee ($10.00 for members of IAMF and Tri Sigma). The privileges include receiving all Tiffany publications, and an invitation to open meetings and special functions.

GENERAL: $150.00 annual fee ($140.00 for members of IAMF and Tri Sigma). The privileges include receiving all Tiffany publications, free use of Tiffany's mailbox, free attendance to open meetings and special functions, free storage, up to four free overnights each month, and the right to vote on all issues concerning constitutional changes and membership. After an adjustment period of three months, a general member may apply for Keyholder status.

KEYHOLDER: $250.00 annual fee ($140.00 for members of the IAMF and Tri Sigma). The privileges are the same as for general members, plus the free unescorted access to facilities at any time, and up to eight free overnights per month.

5) Should any general or keyholder member choose to change membership status she may do so without penalty, and without re-embursement. However, the original twelve month commitment remains. If for any reason a general or keyholder member finds it necessary to temporarily suspend her membership, she may do so without penalty with a letter of intent to the Board of Directors, and by making suitable financial arrangements with the finance committee. 6) The general and keyholder membership has the power, by way of referendum to approve or disapprove any proposal put before the Board of Directors. Any policy or proposal may be put to a referendum at the request of a general or keyholder member. All changes involving constitutional changes, must be voted upon by the general and keyholder membership at large. 7) Any motion involving membership revocation or involuntary removal from office must be voted upon by the general and keyholder membership.